

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. No claims have been amended or added.

Applicant believes that this response addresses the Examiner's rejection and that any changes do not introduce new matter into the specification, limit the scope of the claims or result in any prosecution history estoppel.

### **Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-30 under U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable under Liu et al (New Fast Algorithms for the Estimation of Block Motion Vectors) in view of Pullen et al (5,923,376). Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection. In particular, all of the references, either alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest "the first distortion function based only on a set of two or more collinear pixels from the target block and a set of two or more collinear pixels from block Bi" as claimed or similar claimed. Additionally, there is no motivation to combine these references.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all of the claims pending in this patent application are in condition for allowance.

The required fees for a two month extension of time and Request for Continued Examination are enclosed. No additional fees are required for additional claims. Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account #02-2666.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (626) 584-0386. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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